June 10, 2022

Orono City Council City of Orono 2750 Kelley Parkway Orono, MN 55356 [VIA US MAIL AND EMAIL]

**RE: Long Lake Fire Department** 

Members of the Orono City Council,

We received the letter from Mayor Walsh dated May 23, 2022, and we appreciated receiving responses to the financial and other information we requested in Exhibit A of our letter dated May 17, 2022. In light of those responses and many other factors, we have determined the City of Long Lake is not interested in transferring the ownership of the Long Lake Fire Department (LLFD) nor selling Station 1.

The City of Long Lake believes it to be in the best interest of our residents for us to continue operation and management of the LLFD. Therefore, Long Lake intends to purchase Orono's ownership share of, and become the sole owner of, LLFD Station 1, located at 340 Willow Drive North, PID: 3411823320050 (Station 1). Per the valuation determined by the City of Orono, as noted in Item 3 of Appendix A in Mayor Walsh's letter referenced above and based upon the appraisal dated December 10, 2021, we hereby offer to purchase Orono's one-half interest in Station 1 and the real property on which it sits for \$850,000, subject to the cities reaching mutual agreement on terms of a purchase agreement. Out of respect to Orono's August 1, 2022 timeline identified by Mayor Walsh, we propose a closing date on the property of Friday, July 29, 2022.

We are disappointed that Orono has decided to abandon our successful collaborative fire services model in favor of one that gives Orono complete control and we stand behind our position expressed in our letter dated May 17, 2022. We look forward to an orderly transition in the coming years. Please provide available times for us to meet with you and discuss preparation and details of a purchase agreement and any other necessary documents to facilitate the transfer of Orono's interest in Station 1.

Sincerely,

Long Lake City Council

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Jahn Dyvik, City Council Member

Gina Joyce, City Council Member

Mike Feldmann, City Council Member

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